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Applicants : Bowersock et al.)
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Title: METHOD OF)
VACCINATING VERTEBRATES)
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Examiner : KIM, Yunsoo)
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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' attorney, Michael Muczynski (Reg. No. 48,642), held a telephonic interview with examiners Yunsoo Kim and Christina Chan on June 9, 2006.

The claims were discussed in general, with specific reference to independent claim 1.

The prior art discussed was that cited in the official action of April 27, 2006: U.S. Patent No. 5,674,495; the 1995 Jackson thesis; US patent number 5,019,100; and U.S. Patent No. 4,792,452. Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,656,470 was also discussed.

No proposed amendments were discussed.

The general thrust of the principal argument of the examiner was that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have a reasonable expectation of

success in producing an alginate according to the claims, based on the art of record. The general thrust of the principal arguments of the applicant was that the claimed methods were not met by the combination of teachings of record because the references do not teach or suggest an alginate crosslinked with at least two cations. Specific reference was made to Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,656,470.

Agreement was reached that the § 103 rejection was improper, and that the rejection and the finality of the rejection would be withdrawn. The examiners indicated that the prior art search would be updated, and that if no better prior art is found, and no new ground of rejection is found, then the application would be allowed.

The applicants' attorney thanks Examiners Kim and Chan for the courtesy of the telephonic interview.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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